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Appellants :	Richard N. Dodge II et al.	Docket No.:	14,596
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For:	ABSORBENT COMPOSITES COMPRISING SUPERABSORBENT MATERIALS WITH CONTROLLED RATE BEHAVIOR		

**Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 41.31 the Appellants hereby respectfully appeal Examiner Reichle's **Rejection** of claims 1-9, 12-20, and 22-26 mailed February 27, 2008.

Applicants respectfully note that in the Office Action dated February 27, 2008, the Examiner has objected to the Drawings, as well as to the Specification; namely, the Summary and the description of Figures 11 to 15. As a result, Applicants have included a Reply to the Office Action dated February 27, 2008, to address these objections. In particular, Applicants have included replacement drawings for Figure 7 and Figures 11 to 15, Applicants have amended the Specification with respect to the description of Figures 11 to 15, and Applicants have addressed the Examiner's concern regarding the Summary.

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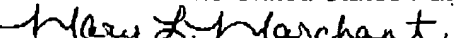
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